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Foreign Minister Jean Ping responded favorably when CDA delivered reftel demarche November 6. Ping instructed his assistants to compose letters to the Minister of Finance, the governor of the Central Bank of Gabon, and the governor of the Central Bank of Central Africa in Yaounde detailing reftel concerns and urging heightened scrutiny of financial transactions involving Iran. He asked his assistants follow up with phone calls to ensure cooperation once the letters were received.
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